

CLAIMS

1. An information processing apparatus having a plurality of control blocks and a plurality of storage blocks, and a main control block, which is one of said plurality of control blocks, controlling the other of said plurality of control blocks to store software from a recording medium into said plurality of storage blocks, said information processing apparatus comprising:

first acquisition means for acquiring an instruction associated with the storage of said software to be supplied from said main control block;

request means for requesting said main control block for said software;

second acquisition means for acquiring said software supplied in response to the request by said request means; and

storage control means for storing said software acquired by said second acquisition means by controlling said plurality of storage blocks.

2. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said instruction includes information associated with said software and information associated with any of said plurality of storage blocks in which said software is stored.

3. The information processing apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:

storage block setting means for selecting, from said plurality of storage blocks, one that is specified by said instruction acquired by said first acquisition means and setting the selected storage block as a storage block for storing said software acquired by said acquisition means;

said storage control means storing said software into said storage block set by said storage block setting means.

4. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, still further comprising:

confirmation means for confirming whether said software stored in said storage block under the control of said storage control means is normal or not; and

supply means for supplying a confirmation result obtained by said confirmation means to said main control block.

5. The information processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein if, on the basis of said confirmation result supplied from said supply means, the processing of storing said software into said storage block is found normally completed, said main control block controls a

display block to display information indicative of the normal completion of said storage processing.

6. The information processing apparatus according to claim 4, wherein if, on the basis of said confirmation result supplied from said supply means, the processing of storing said software into said storage block is found not normally completed, said main control block controls a display block to display information indicative that an error has taken place in the storage processing.

7. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said storage medium in which said software is stored is a removable memory card, and said main control block updates a program or data stored in said plurality of storage blocks by use of a program or data acquired from said memory card.

8. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said storage control means compares version information of said software acquired by said second acquisition means with version information of software stored in said storage block and, if there is a mismatch, controls said storage block to store said software acquired by said second acquisition means.

9. An information processing method for an information processing apparatus having a plurality of

control blocks and a plurality of storage blocks, and a main control block, which is one of said plurality of control blocks, controlling the other of said plurality of control blocks to store software from a recording medium into said plurality of storage blocks, said information processing method comprising:

a request step for requesting said main control block for said software;

an acquisition control step for controlling the acquisition of said software supplied in response to a request by said request step; and

a storage control step for storing said software of which acquisition is controlled by said acquisition control step, by controlling said plurality of storage blocks on the basis of an instruction supplied from said main control block.

10. A recording medium recording a computer-readable program for an information processing apparatus having a plurality of control blocks and a plurality of storage blocks, and a main control block, which is one of said plurality of control blocks, controlling the other of said plurality of control blocks to store software from a recording medium into said plurality of storage blocks, said computer-readable program comprising:

a request step for requesting said main control block for said software;

an acquisition control step for controlling the acquisition of said software supplied in response to a request by said request step; and

a storage control step for storing said software of which acquisition is controlled by said acquisition control step, by controlling said plurality of storage blocks on the basis of an instruction supplied from said main control block.

11. A program executable by a computer for controlling an information processing apparatus having a plurality of control blocks and a plurality of storage blocks, and a main control block, which is one of said plurality of control blocks, controlling the other of said plurality of control blocks to store software from a recording medium into said plurality of storage blocks, said program comprising:

a request step for requesting said main control block for said software;

an acquisition control step for controlling the acquisition of said software supplied in response to a request by said request step; and

a storage control step for storing said software of

which acquisition is controlled by said acquisition control step, by controlling said plurality of storage blocks on the basis of an instruction supplied from said main control block.